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NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

This week at Saint Mary's we celebrate 'Book Week'. It is a wonderful event that takes place across Australia each year to celebrate the joy of reading and the wonder of books.

Reading opens a world of possibilities to young people. Without the capacity to read and comprehend texts, children are limited in their capacity to engage with the curriculum as they move through their education and beyond. In order to learn, children must first learn to read. Reading for leisure is also one of the greatest pleasures in life. Learning to read, however, is a complex process and requires the combined support of classroom teachers, parents, carers and extended families. Children learn about the importance of reading as they watch family members use reading and writing for everyday purposes. Children see you reading and writing in everyday life – reading for pleasure, sharing a story with your child, using a recipe, making a shopping list, writing a birthday card or reading street signs. This teaches them that reading and writing are useful skills in today's world.

As we celebrate Book Week, I thought it would be timely to provide some valuable tips for helping with your child's reading; particularly those younger members of your family:

Firstly...

- Reading with your child at home will help your child in all learning areas of school.
- Listening to your child read at home is a good way of supporting your child's reading.
- Be confident that your child will learn to read.

What you can do at home to help

- Be yourself. Involve children in everyday conversations.
- Read aloud to children. It helps them to learn the language of books and will encourage them to enjoy books and reading.
- Talk about books, read together and make reading an enjoyable, shared activity.
- Make sure there is a wide range of reading material for your child at home, both fiction and non-fiction.
- It is important to read to your child in your home language if your first language is not English. Experience shows that using your home language will help your child to learn to read in English.
- Try not to let television intrude on reading time. Make a special time for reading with your child, away from interruption.
- Listen to your child every day, even for a short time.
- Give books as treats and presents.

Hints for listening to your child read

- Before reading, talk about the cover, the title, the pictures, and discuss what the book may be about.
- During reading, discuss what has been read up to that point, and imagine what will happen next time.
- After reading is finished, talk and ask questions about the story and the pictures.
- When reading a harder book together, take turns. Beginning readers can read the repetitive parts and more experienced readers can read a paragraph or a page.

When you come across an unknown word:

- pause to give your child time to work out the word
- prompt
- go back to the beginning of the sentence, or read past the difficult word to the end of the sentence.

- look for a clue in the picture or the words
- look at the first letter and think about what the words could be
- ask "Does this make sense?"
- try to sound out the word
- if necessary tell your child the word
- praise your child for trying even if mistakes are made.

Other things you can do to support your child's reading:

- Tell and re-tell stories of all kinds including favourite stories, fairy tales, movie plots, local news items and family history.
- Play games such as "I spy... something beginning with d".
- Ask your child to read out simple recipes while you cook together.
- Read comics, magazines, short stories, poems and rhymes, including nursery rhymes.
- Do crosswords & other word puzzles together.
- Read the TV guide before watching a program.
- Look at letterbox leaflets together.
- Read directions and signs when driving and shopping.
- Read and write notes and letters to family members.
- Play board games together and read the rules.
- Provide plastic letters, crayons, pencils, pens and writing paper.

And remember...

- Discuss the meaning of stories and words.
- Encourage your child to read anywhere and at any time.
- Let your child see you enjoy reading.
- Visit and use a library near you. Borrow books for yourself as well as your child.
- Talk to your child's classroom teacher or the principal for further help and advice.
- Enjoy reading – **it should be fun.**

These tips come from:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/languagesupport/reading>

We hope you enjoy the wonderful Book Week activities taking place at Saint Mary's!

Congratulations to Carmen and Lannah Sowden and the bull that they bred and named "Five Star to the Batmobile" who was Junior Champion Limousin bull at the EKKa this year.



God Bless

Angela Myles

Mrs Angela Myles
College Principal

Head of Primary News

NAPLAN – The NAPLAN tests have been posted home on Friday 19.8.2016. If you have not received the document within 10 working days, please contact the office

On Monday this week Year 3 and Year 5 participated in a nationwide NAPLAN Online Linking Study reading test trial. The Pearson Assessment Services (Victoria) a national company is delivering this test in Queensland and across Australia at the same time. They also provided Invigilators for the NAPLAN reading trial. The class teacher was also with the class during the test. Our school was selected to participate in a paper reading test followed by an online reading test. These tests are a trial and as such there are no records kept. They are simply a trial to prepare for NAPLAN to be online in 2018. In order for this to happen there need to be many trials to link paper and online and to iron out the bugs – so to speak. It was only the year 3 and the straight year 5 cohorts at our college who participated in this trial. It will be interesting to find out how the trial went and what will need to be in place in order for all students in Years 3,5,7,9 across Australia, to complete NAPLAN Online in the coming years.

Book week and Wednesday's Book parade. This is always a big event for the calendar and for the students in Prep to Year 6. It was great to be part of the staff's rendition of Wombat Stew! Great book week characters and fine parade! See Mrs. Burr's notice in this newsletter for Book week and **the Campfire Night** on Tuesday night.

HANDBALLS. A big thank you to Mr. Sauer (Tia Yr 6 and Lincoln Yr 1) for giving to the school many boxes of handballs. Each student P-6 will receive a handball. Some children received these on Friday and for other classes, the boxes went to the class teacher and will be given out when possible. There are some for Mrs. Robertson Year 7 – Year 9 Wellbeing Leader. I'm sure she will find a good use for the handballs. Thank you.

Swimming Term 4. Every student P-6 will need to wear a swim cap (either bring your own or purchase one from the uniform shop). Children can wear goggles if they wish and need to bring a towel – not a large beach towel. More detailed information will be going home when we have more details about the pool etc.

Kind regards
Ms Pam Radcliffe
Head of Primary

APRE News

Lectio Divina – 'the divine word'

Saint Benedict is often referred to as the father of Monasticism. He created a place for young men that was safe and provided a focus for their lives in a time when Europe was experiencing chaos. Benedict, a great theologian himself, established a rule for living in community based on the story and mission of Jesus. The college has adapted his rule to create our 5 B's, namely to be safe, respectful, responsible, just and to be ones best.

One of Benedict's great legacies is a form of prayer attributed to his community called Lectio Divina, which simply means the 'divine word or reading'. The strength of this form of prayer is that the process reveals a deeper understanding of scripture and therefor of God.



Simply put, one chooses a short piece of scripture and then reads it four times, each time with a different purpose;

1. Read and Listen – to familiarise, to settle down and with the text
2. Read and reflect - to select a word or phrase that captures your attention and focus on that and why it may have resonated with you
3. Read and Respond – articulate through prayer and possibly discussion what this means for you going forward
4. Rest in contemplation with the text and message

It sounds involved , formal and quite onerous, however having been part of it now I realise how freeing it is to have thoughts that are autonomous and not supressing the questions that arise from a close look at scripture.

Every Friday students and staff are offered the opportunity to take part in Lectio Divina, perhaps it is something you might want to try at home or encourage your student to ask about or try at school. Students learn about this ancient prayer in the Religious Education Curriculum in Year 7 and again in Year 10.

Kind regards
Mr Martin Perrett
APRE

Year 7 to Year 10 Teaching and Learning News

With the end of term looming I would like to remind parents and students of the Assignment Extensions and Non-Submissions Process within our College's Year 7-12 Assessment Policy. This process has been explained to students by their teachers and will continue to be reinforced throughout the year.

1. All assignments are to be ready for submission at 8:45am on the due date. However, depending on the daily timetable, they may be collected at any time of the day. If students are planning to use college printing facilities, this must be done prior to the due date.
2. Where an extension is sought, it must be for valid reasons, and submitted to the Teaching and Learning Leaders (Mrs Angelique Arden Year 7-10 and Mr Wayne Dunbrack Year 11-12) at least three days before the due date. It must be submitted on the Assignment Extension Form which is available from Mrs Binding at Student Services. Only unforeseen circumstances will an application be approved if it is submitted less than 3 days before it is due.
3. Approved applications will be attached to the late submission.
4. If a student is absent on the due day, the assignment will be due to the subject teacher before home room on the day the student returns to the College. A note of absence must be attached to the late submitted work.
5. Failure to submit will result in teachers supervising the student in class to complete the assignment on the due date. Students will not be given overnight to complete the work.
6. When this action for non-submission has occurred, the teacher will contact the parent by phone or email to inform them that this process to ensure submission has been completed.
7. Teachers also inform the Teaching and Learning Leaders about non-submission and a record is kept.
8. Loss of student work due to computer malfunction is not a valid excuse for non-submission. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that assignments are backed up to reliable alternative sources such as a USB or self-emailing a copy.
9. Where a student is absent due to a planned school activity or excursion, and an assignment is due on that day, prior negotiation with the teacher is the responsibility of the student.

Please feel free to contact myself at the College if you require any further information and assistance in regards to this process.

Kind regards

Mrs Angelique Arden

Year 7 to Year 10 Teaching and Learning Leader

Campus Minister News

Year 9 and 10 reflection day with Project hatch was wonderful. Dave Jorna and Rhiannon Zahra led an engaging day full of activities which built confidence and encouraged students to see the dignity within themselves and within others. The day encouraged students to step out of their comfortable place, to embrace possibilities of new friendships and discover what they are capable of as individuals. I hope that they each received something from the day and will take on a few of the lessons. A couple of things that stood out to me were; to be present in the moment and not to daydream while doing even the most ordinary things like washing up, Dave spoke about when we are present to things of life we are happier then when we daydream about things. Another lesson that he spoke of was where my focus is, is where my energy flows, for example, if I am focused on the positive then I will be more positive as a person. Students were also encouraged to affirm what they see in each other, I hope this will continue throughout their schooling and life; to build each other up and draw the "gold" out of each other through kind words and actions.

Our first Youth Group kicked off last Tuesday afternoon, we had games and a quick scripture verse sharing. Youth Group is on fortnightly after school at St Mary's church.

The NET team is visiting St Mary's Church at 6pm on Friday the 2nd of September; they are very excited to meet the young people of Kingaroy. The National Evangelisation Team who are visiting us are made up of 10 young adults who have given a year to travel around Australia facilitating retreats, youth groups and many other ministry activities for parishes and schools. They encourage young people to love Christ and Embrace the church and share the gospel through drama, activities,



music, testimonies and witness. You are invited to join us for a BBQ and a fun night with the NET team. September 2nd at 6pm

God Bless
Miss Megan Schick
Campus Minister

Indigenous News

Last Wednesday we took a small group of students to Cherbourg to spend some time with 30 students from Thursday Island.

The Year 10 students from Thursday Island performed a number of TSI dances in their traditional clothing along with many of the island musical instruments.

It was an overwhelming experience to see these students being so proud of their heritage and giving all to their dances.



Kind regards
Mrs Amanda Erwin, Mrs Karen Bond and Miss Niketa Law
Indigenous Department

Year 8 Science Challenge News

Last week the Year 8s participated in a Science Challenge Day. Over the course of 4 weeks, teams created and perfected their rubber-band powered models. They worked in groups to design and construct models, and to update and maintain their Scientific Journals. On the afternoon of the Challenge, their vehicles were tested in a grand final competition, to see which entry travelled the furthest.

Congratulations to the two main prize winners; Jim Corbet who set an Olympic record of 16.75m, and Nicholas Kerkow for his most innovative design. Finally thanks also to Mr Collier and Mrs Kerkow for their assistance in making the day a great success.



Kind regards
Mr Ron Johnston
Science Teacher

Visual Art News

August sees the Visual Art students taking part in the biennial Wondai Art Gallery High School Competition. The incomparable Elaine Madill of the gallery was able to source fantastic prizes for this year's competition. All students walked away with cash prizes for their artistic talents.

Saint Mary's did exceptionally well considering our small size. Out of 15 prizes and 4 schools entering, we were able to get 6 students achieving prizes and also took out the People's Choice Award.

I must congratulate the following students for their outstanding artworks that were awarded prizes on the night:

- Baxter Armstrong
- Trinity Miller
- Lydia Ford
- Mikaila Schloss (who was also the recipient of the People's Choice Award)
- Janaya Rose
- Carmen Sowden

Thank you also to all of the helpers who attached labels, filled out entry forms, wired up canvases and drove large works out to Wondai in a convoy with me.

The exhibition opening and prize-giving also featured the Senior Music students from Saint Mary's and were very well received. So well received, in fact that they have been asked to return. A wonderful outcome for the art students of Saint Mary's!



Kind regards

Mrs Bronwyn Langford Martoo
Art Teacher

Music News

Approaching Events:

Friday, 26th August - SBMCS "Little Shop of Horrors" Opening Night

"Little Shop of Horrors" – Opening Soon!

The South Burnett Musical Comedy Society's 2016 production of the classic rock musical, "Little Shop of Horrors" is starting this weekend! **Opening Night is Friday 26 August**, and shows run until Saturday 3 September. On Saturday 10 September, the entire performance is relocated to the Brolga Theatre in Maryborough for one final performance.

So many members of our Saint Mary's community are involved in the production including:

- Ernie Corbet (Yr 10) – understudy for the lead role of "Seymour"
- Ashleigh Reinbott (Yr 12) – "Crystal" - one of the "Ronettes" (a group of feisty back-up singers)
- Sandro Villani (Yr 11) – Sound and Lighting Crew member
- Madi Wintour (Yr 11) – Sound and Lighting Crew member
- Caitlin Carney (Yr 7) – Street Urchin
- David Rowberry (Yr 7) – Street Urchin
- Evie Corbet (Yr 4) – Street Urchin
- Dane Anderson (Yr 5) – Murderous Seedling
- Eleanor Anderson – (Yr 2) – Murderous Seedling
- Tully Anderson (Yr 1) – Murderous Seedling
- Daniel Rowberry (Daniel's little brother) – Murderous Seedling
- Ms Jordie Green (SMCC Singing/Piano Tutor) – Lead female role of "Audrey"
- Mrs Shannon Cridge (SMCC Singing/Flute Tutor and SMCC Parent) – "Chiffon" – a "Ronnette" singer
- Mrs Heather Rowberry (SMCC Parent) – Backstage Manager
- Mrs Tania Corbet (SMCC Parent) - Manager
- Mrs Jane Iszlaub (Me!) – Musical Director
- Mr Warren Wintour (SMCC Parent) - Director

My very best wishes to all members of the cast and crew – I'm sure the show will be enormous fun.

To all newsletter readers: please support this wonderful local event. Tickets are available through Kingaroy Office Central and

TryBooking.com:

<https://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=203884>

Yours in Music,
Ms Jane Iszlaub
Music Coordinator

Tuckshop News

Friday Specials

Available both Morning Tea and Lunch

- 😊 Hot Dogs with Sauce & Cheese - \$3.50
- 😊 Baked Ravioli - \$3.50

Price Rise and Discontinued Stock

Grainwaves are no longer available.

PRICE RISE: Frozen Jewels (Grapes) are now \$1.00 effective immediately

Please note: Due to supplier issues some stock will not be available for purchase. We will substitute where necessary. Thank you for your understanding.

*****There are NO Pies or Sausage Rolls sold on Fridays. *****

Volunteers:

If you would like to volunteer at the Tuckshop, you can do so by calling on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to discuss how to volunteer.

Please ensure that you have the current 2016 Menu. If you have misplaced your menu, they are available from the office.

Donation of Goods

If you are able to donate any of the following items during the year, it would be greatly appreciated. Below are the main ingredients we use, however, any donations are more than welcome.

Self-Raising Flour
Desiccated Coconut
Plain Flour
Brown Sugar
Caster Sugar
Small Tinned Pineapple Slices
Small Tinned Corn

These can be dropped into the Tuckshop on Monday, Wednesday, Friday or to the College Office.

Ordering and Payment

We now have two options for ordering, online and the paper bag system. For Prep to Year 5 students it is recommended that you use either of these systems.

Online Ordering System QKR (Quicker): Your child's online order will be sent to the tuckshop, where it will be printed out. The orders are filled and placed in the class baskets. Their baskets are collected at morning tea and lunch. You are not required to send in a paper bag once you have ordered online.

Paper Bag System: Your child's order will be placed in the tuckshop baskets in their classroom in the mornings. The baskets are delivered to the tuckshop and orders are filled. Their baskets are collected at morning tea and lunch. Please do not use sticky tape or staples when using paper bags for ordering. It makes it difficult to get the bags undone without tearing. **Plastic bags are not suitable for ordering**, it is very difficult to place your child's order inside them. Bags can be purchased from the tuckshop for .05c each.

Year 6 to Year 12 students are more than welcome to use either system. If using the paper bag system, students place their bag orders at the tuckshop before school.

Do you know....

That you can now order online using QKR! QKR (Quicker) is an app that you can use on your phone, iPad or computer. If you would like assistance to use our online ordering system, call into the college office and see Briony Hoare or pop into the tuckshop and I will be able to assist you.

Have great week!
Mrs Michelle Davis
Tuckshop Convenor

P&F News



Dates to Remember

Wednesday, 24th August

Fraser Coast Equestrian Competition at Maryborough
Book Week Assembly 9am in the Maryknoll Centre
10-12yrs old WB Athletics Carnival at Taabinga State School
Board Meeting 5.30pm

Thursday, 25th August

Fraser Coast Equestrian Competition at Maryborough
SB Secondary Athletics at NSHS

Friday, 26th August

Fraser Coast Equestrian Competition at Maryborough
SB Secondary Athletics at NSHS
10-12yrs Boys and Girls SB Cricket
Premiers Reading Challenge Finishes

Sunday, 28th August

WB All Schools Touch Carnival

Monday, 29th August

Year 11 Graphics Excursion
Father's Day Stall 10.35am in Maryknoll Canteen

Tuesday, 30th August

QCS Test
Whole School Assembly
Father's Day Stall 10.35am in Maryknoll Canteen

Wednesday, 31st August

QCS Test
Father's Day Stall 10.35am in Maryknoll Canteen

Thursday, 1st September

Year 5 Camp to Seaworld
Year 10A History Excursion
Father's Day Stall 10.35am in Maryknoll Canteen

Friday, 2nd September

Year 5 Camp to Seaworld
Year 10B History Excursion
Net Team visit 6pm at St Mary's Catholic Church

Monday, 5th September

Lunchtime Chess in Library

Tuesday, 6th September

Year 12 Valedictory Sausage Sizzle, Lunch time from Maryknoll Canteen
Lunchtime Chess in Library

Wednesday, 7th September

Lunchtime Chess in Library

Thursday, 8th September

Lunchtime Chess in Library

Friday, 9th September

AgConnect Field Excursion Year 9-11
Lunchtime Chess in library

Saturday, 10th September

12yrs Girls WB Cricket Trials
Trivia Night 6.30pm at SMCC Maryknoll Centre

Sunday, 11th September

12yrs Girls and Boys WB Cricket Trials

Monday, 12th September

WB Athletics
12yrs Girls and Boys WB Cricket Trials
13-19yrs WB Track and Field Trials
Lunchtime Chess in Library

Tuesday, 13th September

Year 12 Valedictory Sausage Sizzle, Lunch time from Maryknoll Canteen
13-19yrs WB Track and Field Trials
WB Athletics

12yrs Boys Cricket Trials

Lunchtime Chess in Library

Community BBQ 5.30pm

Wednesday, 14th September

Lunchtime Chess in Library

Thursday, 15th September

Under 8s Day – Emergency Services visit Period 1 & 2
Lunchtime Chess in Library

Friday, 16th September

Benedictine Awards 2pm

Term 3 Completed

Monday, 3rd October

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday, 4th October

Term 4 Commences

Monday, 10th October

Book Fair Starts

Tuesday, 11th October

Book Fair
Whole School Assembly
Community BBQ

Wednesday, 12th October

Book Fair
Year 9 Arts Excursion to QPAC

Thursday, 13th October

Book Fair Finishes

Friday, 14th October

ASTI Graduation Mass
Kingaroy Blue Light Disco

Monday, 17th October

Pupil Free Day – No School

Tuesday, 18th October

P&F Meeting 7.00pm

Thursday, 20th October

Domestic Violence Presentation Year 11 & 12
Music Tuition Program Evening 6pm

Wednesday, 26th October

Immunisation Clinic
Board Meeting 5.30pm

Thursday, 27th October

Annual Awards Ceremony 6pm

Tuesday, 1st November

Whole School Assembly

Thursday, 3rd November

Prep 2017 Orientation Day 1 Group A
Celebration of the Arts 5.30pm in Maryknoll Centre

Tuesday, 8th November

Indigenous Graduation
Community BBQ 5.30pm

Thursday, 10th November

Prep 2017 Orientation Day 1 Group B

Tuesday, 15th November

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner 5pm Kingaroy Town Hall
P&F Meeting 7pm

THE SINGING POLITICIAN

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TILL 18 SEP ONLY!**

Full \$30
Concession/Student \$27
Group of 2 \$50
Group of 4 \$96



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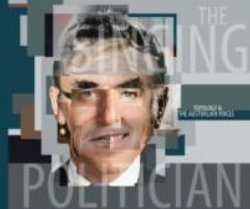
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James Morrison

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The Singing Politician takes the words right out of our Prime Ministers' mouths – from Robert Menzies to Gough Whitlam, Malcolm Fraser to Paul Keating, Bob Hawke to Tony Abbott – and marries them seamlessly to an overlay of stirring music and choral work.



Could you lead and manage an army cadet unit?

135 Army Cadet Unit (Wondai) is seeking a new Officer Commanding.

Find out more at the community information session on Sunday 28th August 2016 at 3-00pm. Come along to the Wondai Army Depot (next to the hospital).

If you want more information please contact Major (AAC) Peter Schneidewin, 11 Battalion Commanding Officer, on 0448 636 818.

The Rotary Club of Taabinga is conducting its **ANNUAL BOOKARAMA** sale of second hand books on 17th and 18th September in the Kingaroy Town Hall. We would love to see you there. Prices start from \$2 to \$5. Special rates apply to children's books.

We are looking for donations of quality books in good condition. These can be delivered to J.A. Carroll Solicitors, Elders, Ken Mills Toyota and the box outside Big W or you can phone Graham Jenkins on 0417 070 141 for pick up after 29th August. We find it difficult to sell magazines, readers digest and old school text books. Unfortunately we are forced to dump many of these.



Masquerade

QUIZ NIGHT 29 OCTOBER 2016

6.30 PM FOR 7.00 PM START

For more information or to register to your team

Please contact 4163 1555

pandfnanango@bne.catholic.edu.au

Create

6-8 Member Team

Team Name

Costumes

Register

Your Team

\$10 per person

Bring

Enthusiasm for a great night!

Team Table Nibbles

BYO Alcohol

Gold Coins

(Money Boards, Toss Game)

BAR AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED.